

**Introduced by Senator Soto**

February 17, 2006

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An act to add Section 1550.2 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to foster care.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1335, as introduced, Soto. Foster care: health and dental services.

Existing law, the Community Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of community care facilities, including group homes and foster family homes, by the State Department of Social Services. Existing law provides for the certification of foster homes by foster family agencies.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits, including, for certain minors, semiannual dental examinations.

Existing law provides for the Child Health and Disability Prevention program, pursuant to which counties are required to provide, or contract for the provision of, specified health care services for children.

This bill would allow the department to deny or revoke the license of a group home or foster family home, or to require a foster family agency to deny or revoke the certificate of approval of a foster home, that does not obtain for each foster child certain health services offered through the Child Health and Disability Prevention program on an annual basis, and, for each child eligible for semiannual dental examinations under the Medi-Cal program, a dental examination on a semiannual basis.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 1550.2 is added to the Health and  
2     Safety Code, to read:  
3     1550.2. (a) The department may deny or revoke the license  
4     of a group home or foster family home, or may require a foster  
5     family agency to deny or revoke the certificate of approval of a  
6     foster home, that does not obtain for each foster child the health  
7     services specified in paragraphs (3) to (10), inclusive, of  
8     subdivision (a) of Section 124040 on an annual basis, and, for  
9     each child eligible for semiannual dental examinations under the  
10    Medi-Cal program, a dental examination on a semiannual basis.  
11    (b) A violation of this section shall not constitute a crime  
12    under Section 1540.

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